

**Amendment No. 3 to SB0583**

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**House Bill No. 1311**

by adding the following at the end of subdivision (1) of SECTION 4 of Senate Environment,  
Conservation & Tourism Amendment No.1:

Provided, however, that such "forest industry" does not include any entity or  
organization engaged in the primary or secondary production of hardwood or softwood  
lumber and related manufactured products.

AND FURTHER by adding the following before the enacting clause of the printed bill:

WHEREAS, the general assembly recognizes that forest industry participation in  
nationally and internationally recognized programs that promote sustainable forestry  
certification is of value to the environmental, economic, and social well being of  
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, such certification programs promote exacting standards of  
sustainable forestry initiatives, environmental principles, objectives, and performance  
measures and successfully integrate important forest resource benefits including timber  
products, wildlife, plants, soil, water quality, recreation, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly further recognizes that the independent, third-  
party audits and certification evaluations coordinated by the Forest Stewardship Council  
and the American Forests and Paper Association's sustainable forestry initiative program  
provide comprehensive determinations of forest sustainability through the expert review  
of representatives from environmental, professional, conservation, academic, and public  
sectors; now, therefore

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AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section of Senate Environment, Conservation & Tourism Amendment No.1 and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, those forest industries that have achieved official certification by the Forest Stewardship Council and/or the American Forests and Paper Association at the time of application for respective funds from the department of economic and community development shall not be subject to the provisions of this Act.